



**Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District**

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June 22, 2010

Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento CA 95814

Regarding: Support for proposed amendments to the regulations to reduce emissions from diesel engines on commercial harbor craft operated within California waters and within 24 nautical miles of the California coastline.

To: California Air Resources Board

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District appreciates the opportunity to comment on the California Air Resources Board's (ARB's) proposed Amendments to the Commercial Harbor Craft regulations. This letter is to express support for these amendments.

As pointed out in ARB's Initial Statement of Reasons (May 2010), more than 40 percent of the state-wide nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from harbor craft, and 50 percent of the state-wide particulate matter (PM) emissions from harbor craft, are from crew and supply boats operating off the coasts of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. These proposed amendments are projected to reduce diesel PM emissions from this source in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties from the 2008 baseline of 17 tons/year to about 5 tons/year, and NOx emissions from this source from about 280 tons/year to about 170 tons/year.

The proposed amendments will help improve the air quality in Santa Barbara County, and help protect the health of county residents. We support ARB's effort and urge the Board to adopt the amendments.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ron Tan of my staff at (805) 961-8812.

Sincerely,



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Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: Michael Villegas, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
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